CHAPTER XIII—SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE.

(i) Social Welfare.

1308. *Welfare of Scheduled Castes.*—A total provision of Rs. 44,10,000 (38,08,000) was made for the various welfare schemes of Scheduled Castes. But a sum of Rs. 42,98,736 (38,37,530) was spent during the year, under Education, housing, economic aid for development of cottage industries, aid to agriculturists, drinking water wells, community centre buildings, aid to voluntary agencies, publicity and propaganda and miscellaneous schemes, etc.,

1309. During the year, an amount of Rs. 10,75000 (Rs. 14,27,000) was sanctioned for the welfare of Scheduled Castes under Centrally Sponsored Schemes under article 275(i) of the Constitution of India, for establishing agricultural, Residential and Housing colonies and economic uplift *i.e.*, training-*cum*-production in cottage industries, etc. of this a sum of Rs. 9,34,921-74 (Rs. 12,34,563) was spent.

1310. *Women Welfare Schemes among Scheduled Castes.*—During the year 51 more Women and Child Welfare centres were started besides the 23 centres started already in the previous year. A total provision of Rs. 2,72,000 was provided on these schemes and a sum of Rs. 2,39,798-80 was spent. The number of children attending the centres was 2,530 and the women attending the Community Welfare Centre were 816 during the year.

1311. *Nursery Schools.*—On an average in each of the centre about 50 children of the age group 3 and 5 years were attending the nursery class and these children were provided with milk and mid-day meals and also a set of clothes. On the whole the progress of the nursery classes was quite satisfactory.

1312. *Community Welfare Centres for Women.*—Community Welfare Centre were for Women conducted in the afternoon. On an average about 15 to 20 women attended these classes and were taught primarily cutting, stitching, social education, recreational activities and bhajans and excursions were also conducted. Each centre had been provided with a sewing machine so that the women learn stitching and cutting.

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1313. During the year a new scheme to impart training to Scheduled Caste Women in tailoring was implemented. To begin with, on an experimental basis, 19 tailoring units were started in the 19 District headquarters. In each of the centres, training was given to 12 Harijan Women in cutting and tailoring for a period of one year. They were paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 25.

1314. *Welfare of Nomadic and Seminomadic Tribes.*— A sum of Rs. 4,05,000 was provided in the Budget Estimate for the welfare of Nomadic and Seminomadic Tribes in the four Districts of Dharwar, Karwar, Belgaum and Bijapur, for schemes under Education, economic uplift, organising one Labour Contract Society, housing and miscellaneous etc.,

1315. A sum of Rs. 7,776 was utilised and grant-in-aid given to 18 hostels. Grants of Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 4,200 were placed for sanctioning Books and other equipment to 150 students at Rs. 20 per pupil and for award of 50 scholarships of a value of Rs. 84 per annum per student and it was utilised for the purpose. One Ashram School was started at Soundatti, Muragod Taluk.

1316. An expenditure of Rs. 1,52,925 was incurred and aid given to 612 persons as economic aid. One Labour Contract Society was formed in Bijapur District through the Co-operative Department.

1317. One Sanskarakendra was opened at Mundgod for the welfare of Nomadic and Seminomadic Tribes at a cost of Rs. 5.000.

1318. Housing grant of Rs. 1,99,400 was distributed in the four districts and Rs. 1,98,000 were spent as subsidies for construction of houses which benefitted 505 persons.

1319. *Welfare of Scheduled Tribes*: (State Sector).— A total provision of Rs. 8,08,000 was provided for the scheme of welfare of the Scheduled Tribes during the year under different heads such as education, opening of Community centres, housing and colonisation, aid to agriculturists, organising forest labourers' co-operative societies, economic aid to develop crafts, approach roads to colonies, mobile health unit, drinking water wells, aid to voluntary agencies and schemes for development of under-developed area.

1320. Sanction was accorded to start "Ashram Schools" which are residential, one in each district of South Kanara, Coorg, Mysore, Chickmagalur, Shimoga and Bangalore, with a strength of 25 children of the Scheduled Tribes. The school in Bangalore District was however intended for "Hakki Pikki" Tribes, with a strength of 30 children and was located in Bhutanahalli, Anekal Taluk.

1321. Four hundred and eight houses were built, agricultural assistance was given to three hundred and fifteen families, one forest labourers' co-operative society was started in South Kanara District and another in Coorg District, 581 persons were benefitted under the scheme to aid the development of crafts, one jeep was purchased for providing a mobile health unit in the Coorg District, ten wells were sunk, two maternity units were opened in Coorg District, and medical aid was given to five families.

1322. *Welfare of Denotified Tribes*: (State Sector).— A total provision of Rs. 3,00,000 was made for the welfare of Denotified Tribes, under the different heads referred to above and a sum of Rs. 2,47,201-23 was spent on the same.

1323. The expenditure included grant-in-aid to seven ex-criminal tribes hostels in the districts of Hassan, Gulbarga and Bidar, economic aid to school going children, construction of 258 houses, purchase of bullocks to 367 persons, providing of agricultural implements, manure, seeds etc., for 297 persons, supply of milch cows or sheep to 125 families, repair of 15 old wells and sinking of 18 new wells, aid to 191 families to develop crafts, approach roads at 21 places etc., and miscellaenous schemes, during the year.

1324. *Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the Welfare of the Scheduled Tribes.*— An amount of Rs. 10,75,000 was provided under this scheme, for starting 43 agricultural colonies and one housing colony in Shimoga District, financial aid was given for training-*cum*-production centre in Cottage Industries, craftsman training programme, technical hostel for Scheduled Caste students in Bangalore and for individuals for development of crafts and total expenditure of Rs. 9,34,021-74 was incurred on account of the above scheme.

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1325. *Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the Welfare of the Scheduled Tribes.*—A total sum of Rs. 4,00,000 was provided under different heads like housing, economic aid, wells, community centres and education etc., and the amount spent was Rs. 3,94,262 during the year.

1326. Out of the provision of Rupees One lakh made for the schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and rehabilitation of Tribal families practising shifting cultivation, a sum of Rs. 82,537 was spent for establishing agricultural colonies at Kambibane in Coorg District, Adinadur, Hundur and Basawanhalli.

1327. *Welfare of Other Backward Classes (Central Sector).*—Out of the grant of Rs. 5,50,000 sanctioned by the Government of India for schemes for the welfare of Other Backward Classes for the year, a sum of Rs. 2,90,426-45 was spent for construction of school building, agricultural aid to 300 families, housing to 350 families, drinking water wells and communications etc.,

1328. *Welfare of Denotified Tribes (Central Sector).*—Out of the grant of Rs. 2,38,000 sanctioned by the Government of India, a sum of Rs. 2,22,173-68 was spent on schemes such as Housing, economic aid, sinking of drinking water wells and irrigation wells, roads, and school buildings, etc., during the year.

1329. *Spill over Schemes for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes (Central Sector).*—A total sum of Rs. 4,00,000 was sanctioned for the welfare of Scheduled Castes spill over schemes under central sector for completion of the incompleted works and a sum of Rs. 3,24,046-38 was spent.

1330. The entire allotment under Central sector for the above schemes, both spill over and regular schemes, was Rs. 14,75,000 and the expenditure was Rs. 12,58,968—12 during the year.

1331. *Post-Matric Scholarships to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.*—The Government of India decentralised the work of awarding post-matric scholarships to Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes and Other Backward Classes and entrusted this work to the State Government for awarding the same.